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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

If you fail to receive your pa-

per, notify this office at once.

Read Gen. Butler's letter to Capt.

Dodge. "Colored troops can be re-

lied on for any service," says the

brave old veteran.

Hon. John C. New was unanimously

elected a member of the State

Executive Committee by the Repub-

lican District Convention on Wednes-

day. This is a deserved compliment.
Mr. New is one of Indiana's ablest
and purest statesmen, and the placing
of such men in the front rank of
party councils is a harbinger of vic-
tory in the future.

A few weeks ago we had occasion
to speak rather plainly about some
of the capers of the able editor of the
Argus, of Washington, D. C., before
the Voorhees committee, since which
time the Argus visits us not at all.
We'll hit you harder still, Charlie, if
you pester our noble exodusters who
are fleeing from the savage "Tar-
heels" to Hoosierdom, the land of
promise.

We note with pleasure the return
of the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback to the
editorial fraternity. The Louisian-
ian has always been one of our most
welcome exchanges, and under the
editorial management of Mr. Pinch-
back it will not only maintain the
high rank already attained, but it will
win new laurels, and add very mate-
rially to the dignity and influence of
colored journalism.

What has become of the colored
newspapers of Washington, D. C.? Have
they gone on an eternal tour to the
"happy hunting grounds," to meet
the innumerable caravan of
"colored papers" that, wearied with
life's troubles, have wrapped the man-
tle of eternity about them, and, with-
out a moment's warning, strode noise-
lessly into the great unknown?

Our Southern friends are about to
start a presidential boom for Senator
Bruce, of Mississippi. Senator Bruce
has made a first-class senator, and he
possesses in a very high degree the
essential qualities of an executive of-
ficer. It will "surprise the natives"
terribly if Senator Bruce should be the
"dark" horse in the Chicago con-
vention. We are not so particular,
however, about the first place on the
ticket for a colored man this time, and
would be willing to "boom" enthus-
iastically for Blaine and Bruce.

It is universally conceded by Repub-
licans that a colored man should be
placed on the Legislative ticket
next Saturday. The demand for this
among the colored people is as earnest
and universal, as it is fair and just.
The fact that the colored people have
their individual preferences as to
candidates is no objection, whatever,
to the nomination of a colored man.
Let a good colored man be put upon
the ticket and he will receive the en-
thusiastic support of every colored
voter in the county and he will be
elected. It would be a great mistake
not to nominate a colored man, for
the colored people were never so much
in earnest as now in their demand
for recognition.

GENERAL STREIGHT FOR GOV- ERNOR.

In another column will be found a
very interesting article in advocacy
of the claims of General A. D. Streight
for governor, which we clip from the
Madison Star, one of the spiciest and
ablest of our exchanges. Major
Simpson, editor of the Star, was a
comrade of General Streight during
the war, with him in Libby prison
and helped dig that famous tunnel
which was the means of liberating so
many of our brave boys in blue from
a life of misery and torture to which
death itself was preferable. Those
were indeed times that tried mens
souls, and the man who had the skill
and courage to devise and execute
such a difficult and dangerous scheme
for the rescue of our wretched but
brave Northern boys from that human
slaughter pen would, as governor,
honor the State and the people far
more than he would be honored.

General Streight has been a life-
long Republican, a staunch, fearless
advocate of the freedom and equality
of all men before the law. He is a
man of the people, generous magnet-
ic and true; big-brained, big hearted
and physically big, reminding one
most forcibly of Indiana's great war
governor. A positive, thoroughgoing
radical Republican of the strictest sect,
General Streight, as a candidate for
governor, would be supported by
every soldier of the Union, by every
black man that has felt the hand of
oppression, by every patriot in the
State and he would be triumphantly
elected. Perilous times are upon us
and Indiana needs a strong, brave
man at the helm. Such a man is
General A. D. Streight.

CHICAGO, HO!

Hotter and hotter waxes the con-
test for 1880. The war of the giants
is now being waged with the utmost
vigor, and no man can with certainty
predict the result. Pennsylvania in-
structed for General Grant, but a
majority of the delegation to Chicago
is for Maine's favorite son, "the plum-
ed knight," the soldiers' friend, the
advocate of equal rights, the scholar,
patriot and statesman, James G.
Blaine.

New York, by an insignificant ma-
jority, instructed for General Grant,
but Mr. Blaine is the first choice of a
majority of the delegates. Indiana
is solid for Blaine, and the great
Northwest will rally to his standard
with enthusiasm, equaled only by
that with which the martyred Lincoln
was supported in '60 and '64. We
yield to no one in admiration for the
brilliant career and noble services of
General Grant to his country. First
chief of the Republic—noble de-
fender of the Union, friend of the
oppressed—in this esteem may he be
held till the end of life. The highest
honors within the gift of a grateful
people have been lavishly conferred
upon him, and he has worn these dis-
tinguished honors with a modest dig-
nity that has won the admiration of
the world. His re-election, however,
to a third term of the presidency
would violate a tradition of the Repub-
lic held sacred by many who would
regard any departure from it as a
precedent unwise and inimical to the
perpetuity of our form of Govern-
ment. However widely men may dif-
fer as to the real merit of the ob-
jection, all must admit that it has weight
with thousands of the purest Repub-
licans throughout the land and whose sup-
port is absolutely essential to success
at the polls.

The Democratic party would at-
tempt, and to some extent might be
able, to make this the leading issue of
the campaign, thus drawing the minds
of the people from the Southern ques-
tion—the real issue. In view of these
facts, we do not think it wise to invite
this antagonism by the renomination
of General Grant. Fortunately the
grand old party of freedom and
equality need not be restricted in its
choice to any particular individual.
With such names as Blaine, Sherman,
Conkling and Washburn to choose
from, either one of whom would
sweep the country, we repeat
that we consider it unwise and
unsafe to invite an opposition
which may defeat us at the polls and
turn the government over to the red-
handed villains who attempted to de-
stroy it. The real questions at issue
are whether rebels or loyalists shall
control the government—whether
the equality of all men before the law
shall be established and maintained—
whether our one-legged and one-
armed boys in blue must beg their
pensions from rebel scoundrels who
treated them with the most inhuman
barbarity and starved them at Libby
prison, Andersonville, and elsewhere,
whether, in short, the South shall
gain by the triumph of the Demo-
cratic party what she lost in open
rebellion. These are the real ques-
tions at issue, and with them before
the people of the North the Repub-
lican party will win a glorious vic-
tory. Let nothing be done that will
deprive these issues of their legiti-
mate prominence in the coming cam-
paign, and victory will be ours.

Hon. B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi,
stood by the son of Senator Morton,
Senatorial courtesy to the contrary
notwithstanding. "Senator Bruce is
as true as steel," is the way Col. Hol-
loway puts it.

The name of Mr. R. B. Bagby will
be presented to the Marion County
Republican convention, as a candidate
for Representative in the Legislature.

Editorial Chaff.

The next thing to a man is A. Wumann,
He lives in Cincinnati.

Geo.graphy is a leading member of our
Educational Curriculum.

There is joy in Cincinnati. The Kirby
police bill has "gone through."

Jib-"boom" will go the candidate after
the Chicago nomination is made.

The study of grammar is pleasant be-
cause it contains exercises in Cynthia
(sic).

Reuben Tene, the would-be murderer,
needs to be turned up-(ward) a little, and
then let (go) alone.

Louisville has more young bachelors to
the square inch than any other city of its
size in the country.—Louisville Bulletin.

We have always heard that the young
ladies of Louisville were noted for their
good sense, and now we know it is true.

There is one county in Kentucky which
the Bourbon Democrats will never give up.
It is Bourbon County.

Why do we drink? Respectfully refer-
red to the manager of the exodus com-
mittee for investigation.

A candidate for president in Gramercy
lies cithering; while a kicking chief in
Tammany is vigorously him scapling.

It is hardly possible that the "Pirates of
Penance" might know something about the
locality of Captain Kidd's treasure.

If the Democrats try to count out the
Republican candidate for assessor of Center
township, they will have a terrible Kan
on their hands.

Tom Greene is a county in Texas; Bow-
ling Green is a city in Kentucky, but Damn
Green is a very prevalent contagious dis-
ease all over the country.

In Texas a colored man was hung, re-
cently, for marrying a white woman. If
he had supported her as his mistress, the
gallant Texans would have made no com-
plaint.

Kentucky teachers no longer depend
solely upon an appeal to the honor of their
pupils. They appeal to a more sensitive
point—a higher count.

There is a growing demand for the in-
vestigation of the causes of Senator Voor-
hees' exodus from the Lafayette to the
Terre Haute district. The former district
does not make the demand.

The "third terms" are betting on two
kings (Conkling and Cameron); the Sher-
manites are putting up their money on a
bluff, while the Blaineites are banking on
a diamond flush.—Exchange.

One reason for the exodus of tenants
from North Carolina, is because the land-
lords insist upon selling hay by the bushel,
and say that an honest day's labor is worth
an honest bushel of hay, and no more.

The bees of Illinois, it is said, are rap-
idly dying off with the measles. Now let
the bees be struck by paralysis, and let
the kingdom of bees be craved by an
apoplectic plague, and the ranks of the
house-flies be devastated with the fell de-
stroyer, consumption, and human life will
be happier on this planet.

A distinguished citizen of Indiana who
had fully made up his mind to please him-
self in the hands of his friends as a candi-
date for the important position of third
assistant deputy constable, recently vis-
ited a neighboring city on business, and upon
returning home late at night, found a
committee, consisting of two males and a
donkey, the latter chairman, waiting to
receive him at the front gate. Being
slightly superstitious, he regarded the in-
cident as an ill omen, and to the great
gratification of the 40 or 50 rival candi-
dates, immediately threw up the sponge
and retired to the shade of private life,
a sadder if not wiser man.

Major Francis S. Dodge, now of the
pay corps, has received the following
letter from Gen. B. F. Butler:

WASHINGTON,
January 31, 1880.
CAPT. FRANCIS S. DODGE, 9th U. S. Cav-
alry.

"MY DEAR CAPT. DODGE:—Remember-
ing that I had something to do with your
appointment in the army, you can hardly
imagine how much gratified I was to learn
of your gallant and hazardous march with
your command to release Major Thorn-
burgh on the occasion of the emeute of
the Indians. It was a plucky thing to do,
and the right thing to do, and well done; but
the officers to do it, are not too plenty in any
service and your men, well led, have de-
monstrated that colored troops can be re-
lied on for any service. I take leave to
offer you hereewith a medal, a specimen of
two of which I have lately been struck
by my order to commemorate the gallant
and successful attack of my colored divi-
sion, in the army of the James, Sept. 29,
1862, upon New Market heights, which
work was carried by storm without firing
a shot. It was the only medal struck dur-
ing the war in silver either by the govern-
ment or any general commanding. It will
at least serve to remind you of one who is
gratified to subscribe himself,

Very truly, your friend,

BEN. F. BUTLER.

AN EPITAPH.

To Be Placed on the Tomb of the
Democratic Party After the Presi-
dential Election of 1880.

Here lies the remains of the Democratic
party,
Who entered public life quite vigorous
and hearty.

Under Jackson and VanBuren they busted
the bank;
Under Harrison—Tyler they were laid on
a plank.

Under Jimmy K. Polk and Dallas, they
bravely rallied,
Until half of Mexico they thievishly swal-
lowed.

Under Fillmore and Taylor they were
thrown to the floor,
But under Pierce, of New Hampshire, they
rallied once more.

And ever afterward were found on the
rear-guard march.
Under good Abraham Lincoln they trained
in the rear,
While brave Union soldiers went to the
front without fear.

Under false Andrew Johnson, the war be-
ing o'er,
They boldly tried to come forward once
more;

But, the true Union people sat down on
"em so heavy,"
That not enough of them were left to hold
a genteel levee.

Under General U. S. Grant against recon-
struction they always fought,
Leaving nothing and utterly incapable of
being anything but taught.
Cithering Sam Tilden for president they
nominated,
And would have counted him in had
they not been slightly checkmated.

Under President Hayes they were always
found kicking.
A large share of patronage always to be
picking.
Alas! that any such party was ever known
to exist,
When its proclaimed policy was naught
but justice to really misled friends.
And now that it has gone into the shades
of the past,
Let us hope of that kind of party we have
seen the last.

The Governorship.

[Madison Star.]

Nearly, if not all, the counties of the
State have held Republican conventions
and nominated delegations to the State
convention. It is time to discuss the
claims and merits of the various candi-
dates offering themselves for nomination.
Indiana is to be the battlefield during
the next contest, and we can afford to make
no mistakes. The Republican party wants
a leader; a broad minded, big-brained,
fearless man. One who will know his
duty, and knowing duty perform it. In stat-
ing our choice and reason for it, we desire
to indulge in no flower of rhetoric or
sophomoric flight of word painting. We
want to talk fact and look events squarely
in the face. Indiana must be carried this
year by the Republicans to insure the
perpetuity of the Republican party, and
it may be, the continuance of the Nation.
Therefore, our standard-bearer must be a
man of iron will, of uncommon intelli-
gence, the most perfect patriotism and of
sterling, irreproachable honesty. The man
possessing, in our judgment, all these attri-
butes in a greater degree than any other
gentleman whose name has been men-
tioned as a candidate for governor is Gen-
eral Abel D. Streight. We have nothing
to say in disparagement of the other dis-
tinguished gentlemen whose names have
been so honorably mentioned in connec-
tion with the governorship. They are
worthy and well qualified, and any one of
them will meet our most loyal support if
nominated. But A. D. Streight we know.
Weeks and months, and we almost might
say years, of close confinement in Libby
prison gave us every opportunity of study-
ing and knowing the man. There is not a
little trait in the man's character. In the
prison he was like the shadow of some
great rock in the desert. Men instinc-
tively gathered around him. He was
their counselor, their friend, their
champion. In him they reposed all
confidence, entrusting to him their money
and laying before him their grievances,
their plans and sharing with him their
every thought. It was Streight who
officially wrote to the rebel Secretary of War
and compelled an increase of rations and
more humane treatment. The rebels feared
Streight while they hated him. In hatred
and defiance they had no advantage of him.
The authorities at Richmond would have
gladly consented to the escape of all the
prisoners who secured their freedom from
Libby prison through that now historic
tunnel—the organization of which is much
due to Streight—if they could have taken
him, and once recaptured, his life would
have paid the forfeit of his daring and his
patriotism. A volume could be written
about the capture, imprisonment and re-
markable escape of Gen. Streight, but all
that is history now. We only allude to it
to show his perfect manhood, and the high
estimation in which a thousand officers,
his fellow prisoners, held him. Any nar-
rowness of mind or littleness of disposi-
tion would have been crushed out of him
by continued confinement. There is no
officer or soldier with whom A. D. Streight
was imprisoned or with whom he served,
who will not to-day stand by him and
follow where he leads.

He helped carry the cradle of the Repub-
lican party at its birth. When the war
clouds gathered and the approach of the
war was heard, Streight never faltered.
When men—Republicans—were advocat-
ing the toleration of peaceful secession
and the dissolution of the Union, this
man realized the full height of the
emergency, and wrote and published an
able work advocating war. He went to
Springfield and saw Mr. Lincoln and en-
couraged him by his patriotism and his
firmness. When the stars and stripes
of any Indian, and where stood
better or braver soldier than this grand
old Hoosier State sent into the field?

A. D. Streight stands proudly before
the people of this State with a character as
clear as crystal. His sturdy honesty
makes him the enemy of ruses and chicanes,
and like old Andy Jackson, he would
break and trample upon them. He has no
act in his life to defend. He will come
before the people mailed in a record so
perfect that the cunningest shaft of malice
or hatred can find no vulnerable spot.
There will be no explaining, apologizing
or defending of him on the stump. He is a
bold and fearless speaker, an active
and magnificent organizer, and a
man of wealth and intelligence. The bur-
gency made Oliver P. Morton, who dare
to say that other men in Indiana, had